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1. Following is a list of the principal personnel of the Soviet Army newspaper in Berlin, the Tägliche Rundschau (TR), with comments on certain individuals.

Editor in Chief, Col. Sokolov, [redacted] came to Berlin late in 1951 as deputy editor in chief. The chief editor Bonemchinov, who had replaced Col. A. V. Kirsanov in the summer of 1951, left early in 1952, [redacted] and Sokolov succeeded him.

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Deputy editor in chief, Col. Pestov, [redacted] who was formerly in charge of the foreign-policy department. From November 1951 to January 1952 he was in Moscow; at this period an extensive purge was conducted among the TR staff. Upon his return Pestov assumed his present post. He is thought to be the representative of the MGB.

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Deputy editor in chief, Lt. Col. Bernikov, [redacted]; with the TR since 1950 or earlier; [redacted] succeeded Lt. Col. Pshenytsin, who returned to Moscow in the summer of 1951 and is now said to be employed by Pravda.

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Managing editor, Gogolyev, who came from Moscow with Sokolov. Assistant managing editor, Alexander N. Smurov, chief of the Soviet department until the end of 1951. It is asserted that he was assigned to the paper by the MGB sub-section in Karlshorst, and he spends part of his time recruiting German agents for the MGB.

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Chief of the economic department, Rachkov, [redacted]

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Chief of the Soviet department, Kabanov, [redacted] in his present post since 1951. 25X1

Chief of the department for theory and propaganda, Ivanov, [redacted] secretary of the Communist Party organization in the staff; in his present post for several years. 25X1

Chief of the personnel department, Smirnov, [redacted] said to be an agent of the MGB and to have arrested a number of employees. 25X1

In charge of letters from readers, Tanya Rubens, [redacted] daughter of Dr. Josef Rubens (chief of the medical department of the HVDVP) and of Franziska Rubens-Bergmann (an official of the propaganda section of the SED Central Committee); in the USSR from 1933 to 1947. She is a fanatical Communist. 25X1

Editor in chief of the semi-monthly Neue Welt, Stepanov, [redacted] 25X1

## 2. The German staff includes the following:

Domestic politics department: Chief, Theodor Schulze, [redacted] not a member of the SED. [redacted] Writes under the pseudonyms Walden, Argus, 25X1

Deputy chief, Karl-Heinz Wegener, [redacted]; member of the SED. 25X1

Editor, Heinz-Walter Huhn, born about 1920, not a member of the SED. [redacted] 25X1

Editor, Rudolf Reinhardt, [redacted] member of the SED; head of the organization of the Press Association in the TR office. 25X1

Editor, Rolf Borschel, [redacted] faithful member of the SED; took his present position in 1951, coming from Magdeburg; believed to have MGB connections. 25X1

Editor, Richard Gladewitz, [redacted] formerly with Radio Berlin. 25X1

Foreign politics department: Chief, Karl von Wilcknitz, [redacted] not a member of the SED; [redacted] Alleged to have MGB connections. 25X1

Editor, Hans Mellendorf, [redacted] came to the TR from the National-Zeitung. 25X1

Economic department: Chief, Hans-Walter Aust, [redacted] SED candidate [redacted] 25X1

Cultural department: Chief, Herbert Theuerkauff, [redacted] fanatical Communist; has MGB connections [redacted] Replaced Gustav Leuteritz, who is said to have been arrested. 25X1

Editor, Dr. Walter Pollatschek, [redacted] Communist; [redacted] Theatre critic; has also written novels. 25X1

Editor, Hermann Rupperts, [redacted] non-party. 25X1

Theoretical department ("Theory and Propaganda"): Chief, Horst Lehmann, [redacted] SED; chairman of the SED Betriebsgruppe, [redacted] Agent of the MGB. 25X1

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Editor, Dieter Lorff, [redacted] member of the SED

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Soviet department: The former chief, Kemnitz, was arrested. The post is expected to go to Erich Bachmann, [redacted] member of the SED.

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In charge of correspondents and "people's correspondents", Rudolf Scholz, [redacted] a fanatical Communist.

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Local news department: Chief, Franz-Xaver Philipp, [redacted] fanatical SED member;

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Editor, Arthur Enskat, [redacted] not a member of the SED;

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Editor, Rudolf Hirsch, [redacted] SED; court reporter. His wife works in the foreign section of the SED Central Committee.

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Translation department: Chief, Ellen Zunk, [redacted] reliable Communist. She emigrated to Moscow, speaks Russian, and works for the MGB. In 1948 she was assigned for a short while to the editorial staff of the Cominform paper in Bucharest, For a Lasting Peace, for a People's Democracy.

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Editor and translator, Eugenie Meyer (called Zhenya), [redacted] a member of the SED;

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German managing editor, Otto Distler, [redacted] member of the SED, but active in party work.

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